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SILENT METHODIST WORKERS

Rev. P. J. Hasenstab

This distinguished minister, whose name is so well known among thousands of the deaf of the country, claims New York City as his birthplace, and December 22nd, 1861, as the time. When two years and a half old he became deaf, probably caused by medicine, and he was sent to the Indiana Institution when of a proper age, in 1870. He was taught by the manual method exclusively, hence he does not articulate. After attending school eight years he left without graduating and entered Gallaudet College in 1879, spending two years in the Preparatory Department and four in college. He graduated in 1885, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1895 received the degree of Master of Arts in course.

His first employment after graduating was that of boy's supervisor at the Illinois Institution, which he held for one year.

He was then appointed a teacher in the same school, which position he filled for several years.

In 1889 he went to Europe with several other deaf mutes to attend the World's Congress of the Deaf, held in Paris.

He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1890; was licensed to preach in April of the same year, was called to mission work among the deaf in Chicago, in October, 1893. On September 30, 1894, he was ordained a deacon by Bishop J. H. Vincent, and an elder by Bishop J. F. Hurst, in October, 1899. In October, 1895, he entered the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on trial, and became a full member in October, 1897. His field of labor was at first confined to Chicago only, but now includes four cities in Northern Illinois, three in the central part of the state and in Northern Indiana. Finding his field expanding, and being in need of assistance, Rev. Mr. Hasenstab in 1900 engaged Henry S. Rutherford to be his assistant, and Miss Vina Smith to act as deaconess. Both have since proved themselves indispensable to



REV. P. J. HASENSTAB

MISS VINA SMITH

REV. H. S. RUTHERFORD

him in his great work, the one holding services at different places under his direction and the other ministering to the wants of the sick and needy among the deaf.

Rev. Mr. Hasenstab had not long been in his work as missionary in Chicago when he resolved to secure as his first convert a young lady then teaching in the Missouri School for the Deaf. With that object in view he kept up an active correspondence with her, which finally resulted in her conversion to his views of what really constituted a happy life. Accordingly, Miss Georgia Elliott became his wife on June 19, 1894, and in December of the following year their home was made happier by the advent of little Grace Hasenstab.

They have another little girl named Constance, who was born in March, 1902.

The subject of this sketch is universally popular with the deaf, and has occasional calls to hold service outside of his own state. His sign delivery is very clear and graceful, his whole heart is in the work, and being of a kindly disposition, generous and unaffectionate, he wins the friendship of all whom he meets.—*Illinois Advance*, November, 1904.

Since the above was written Mr. Hasenstab's family has been increased by the arrival of two more daughters, Beatrice and Joyce.

REV. HENRY S. RUTHERFORD.

Born in Morris, Ill., in May, 1874.

Entered Illinois State School at Jacksonville in 1884.

Graduated in 1896.

Entered introductory class in Gallaudet College in the same year (1896) and remained only long enough to complete his freshman course.

Became assistant-pastor to Rev. Hasenstab, September, 1900.

Began his first preaching tour in Northern Illinois January, 1902.

In October, 1902, he passed his entrance examination and was admitted to Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Married Miss Louise Sears of Belvidere, Illinois, June, 1906; ordained deacon October, 1907; ordained elder October, 1908.

Rev. and Mrs. Rutherford have had three children—Dorothy, who died, Kenneth and Doris.

MISS VINA SMITH.

We regret that we have not at hand more about this talented and earnest Christian worker. She is a graduate of the Indiana School and of a missionary training school. For ten years she was connected with Rev. Hasenstab's church as a deaconess, visiting and cheering the sick and unfortunate. At present she is at the Epworth Institute in St. Louis taking a post-graduate course in sociology. At the completion of this she expects to enter a new field of work.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.

George William Veditz, of Colorado Springs, has become editor-in-chief of the Western Poultry World.

Mr. Veditz is making a big success

in the poultry line. At a recent poultry show at Pueblo, Colo., he entered ten birds and won ten regular prizes and as many specials; taking six 1st, three 2nd, and one 3rd.

ATLANTA OR OMAHA?

As every deaf, especially member of the N. A. D., is entitled to his or her own opinion on the question of which one of those cities should land the convention for 1913, I have a right to say that Omaha, Neb., is too near to Colorado Springs, Colo., and Atlanta, Ga., too far south from Colorado Springs. It sounds strange to me that there is no competition open for any other city than those two cities to bid for the 1913 convention. Some of us would like to see the convention held at some certain point in the North, especially Ohio or Indiana, so the record for the attendance could be broken, as in August every year all the railroads in the South offer low round-trip rates; for instance, from Memphis, Tenn., to Chicago, Ill., the rate would be about \$10.25, good for both ways; the limit from five to ten days; now the rate is about \$12.40 one way to Chicago. So just think of this! The executive committee of the N. A. D. should give this consideration a respectable hearing.

Upon the question of which city, Atlanta or Omaha, would hold the 1913 conventions, the executive committee has been delaying their decision, which seems unavoidable. In the result, there has been petty differences existing among the members of the N. A. D., and some of the disgruntled members have been so active in spreading discord and dissension by false reports and misstatements on the question of our qualities. In the behalf of the Southern deaf, I want to say a word or two in this respect. It seems strange to me that those who are against Atlanta in the South as the conventional point, have overestimated their own qualities so much as they have undervalued ours. If they were leniently judging our demerits while at Colorado Springs, Colo., last summer they should admit that we have not deserted the splendid virtues of our forefathers and as I am of the South, I can declare that the time will NEVER come when we would prove recreant to those high ideals of personal honor, integrity, hospitality, kindness and candor that have been the proud "historical" boast from the beginning. Beyond this I cannot for the present say more, excepting that, I am,

Yours truly,

J. AMOS TODD,

Memphis, Tenn.

This letter was written before Atlanta's withdrawal was announced. By reading the last issue of The Observer Mr. Todd will see that Buf-

falo, N. Y., Cleveland, Ohio, Kalama-zoo, Mich, Minneapolis, Minn., and Aberdeen, S. D., are in the race as well as Omaha. —Ed.]

A PLEA FOR BUFFALO.

If not too late, permit me to make the following statement in reply to a question lately asked of us by you as to whether the Buffalo deaf are making any effort to get the next N. A. D. meet here.

The invitation as was extended the N. A. D. was by the Chamber of Commerce Convention Committee of Buffalo and is therefore a standing invitation. An honor conferred upon our association like that, coming from prominent hearing officials of a city like Buffalo, should not be ignored, whether the resident deaf of said city are in favor of it or not.

Of the cities that extended invitations to the N. A. D. prior to the expiration of President Veditz's administration, I have it on good authority Atlanta and Buffalo were first. As such is the case, it is my opinion those two cities should remain as the principal contestants.

As some one recently stated, Atlanta and Buffalo are very ably matched. The two cities are located almost on a parallel with each other, Buffalo holding supreme just at the north end of the parallel line, while Atlanta takes up its position at the south end. What is more, these two cities also take the lead with the alphabet, their capital letters begin with "A", Atlanta; "B", Buffalo.

GERTRUDE E. NELSON.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Miss Ethelburga Zell was the guest of Miss Annabel Kent of East Orange, N. J., during the Christmas vacation. Being next door to New York City she spent some of the time with friends there.

Robert McGregor was in Pittsburgh during the week of December 28-January 1. On the evening of December 31 he gave a lecture there and a large crowd assembled to see this master of the sign language.

Christmas was a happy time for the residents of the Ohio Home as nine societies remembered them with gifts or with treats of good things. Each received enough candy and fruit to keep the Christmas taste in his or her mouth for a few weeks.

Last Friday night a party enjoyed a bob-sled ride to the Home. The evening was a fine, clear one and it was not too cold. An oyster supper was partaken of along with plenty of other good things. Story telling amused the residents. Those in the party were Mr. Odebrecht, Mr. Greener, Miss May Greener, Mr. and Mrs. Mayer, Mrs.

Zell, Mr. E. Zell, Miss E. Zell, Miss C. Lamson, Miss B. Edgar and her sister, Miss E. Biggam, Miss Davis of Sandusky, Mr. Beckert, Mrs. King, and Miss K. Jansen.

August Beckert spent a few days in the city and it did one good to see his smiling countenance around again.

On February 11th, the Columbus, Advance Society will give a Valentine social for the benefit of the Home. There will be a postoffice and if any of the readers have friends here I hope they will send them cards or letters, in care of the Advance Society, and help swell the receipts for the evening.

According to the daily press dispatches the school for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes in New York City was visited by fire. The 230 pupils were marched out safely. The papers say all orders were given by signs. As this is a pure oral school one would expect the orders to be given by speech, but it seems in cases of that kind where there is real danger the good old sign language has to be depended upon even in the pure oral schools.

The L. U. P. O. Club will meet with Miss Lamson, January 20. At this meeting Mr. Charles will give a reading from Waverly, one of Scott's novels.

A BUCKEYE.

NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts.		
Sept. 29—Rec'd from J. S. Long, former Treasurer	.....	\$320.91
10—L. Arthur Palmer, membership fee	.....	1.00
10—G. W. Veditz, annual dues to June 1, 1914	.....	1.50
10—Mrs. G. W. Veditz, annual dues to June 1, '14	.....	1.50
16—C. C. Codman, membership fee	.....	1.00
Oct. 3—Isaac Goldberg, membership fee	.....	1.00
Nov. 2—E. L. Schetman, membership fee	.....	1.00
28—Alfred E. Arnot, membership fee	.....	1.00
Total	.....	\$328.91

Expenditures.		
Oct. 6—N. F. Morrow, expense account	.....	\$ 5.76
7—B. R. Allabough, expenses account	.....	2.15
19—Printing 250 letter heads and envelopes each for Pres., Sec'y and Treas.	.....	7.18
19—Regensburg's bill for postage	.....	2.00
19—To expressage on Treasurer's books	.....	1.65
Nov. 14—To expressage on Treasurer's cards	.....	1.10
Total	.....	\$ 19.89
Balance on hand	.....	\$309.07
S. M. FREEMAN, Treasurer.		

RICHARD THAYER THOMPSON.

Richard Thayer Thompson, for nearly 40 years a teacher in the Kansas School for the Deaf, died January 11, 1911, aged 68 years. He was a graduate of Fanwood (N. Y.) school. During his connection with the Kansas school he had passed through 13 different administrations. He was a man of wide acquaintance and well versed in affairs of the deaf.

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JOIN THE N. A. D.

We wish that every reader of The Observer who has not already done so would enroll as a member of the National Association of the Deaf. The fee is but one dollar and the annual membership dues but fifty cents.

In numbers there is strength and the more members the association has the more money there will be to work with. The greatest obstacle the N. A. D. has to contend with is lack of funds.

Recent calls from Nebraska and Oklahoma to help prevent the enactment of certain state laws shows where the N. A. D. might do some effective work. With plenty of money the legislators of those states might be bombarded with circulars, etc., and educate them up to see what the deaf themselves really want.

We shall have more to say on this subject in the future. Meanwhile those who wish to join may send their names and coin to Olof Hanson, 4739 Fourteenth Ave. N. E., Seattle, Wash., or to S. A. Freeman, School for Deaf, Cave Springs, Georgia.

Shall the Combined System

Be Thrown' Out in Nebraska.

We have information that a bill has been introduced in the Nebraska legislature, the object of which is to kill the combined system and establish pure oral methods as the law of the state. The Nebraska Alumni Association intends to make a strong fight against this and hopes for outside help.

EDUCATIONAL NOT CHARITABLE.

A bill is before the Oklahoma legislature designed to place the deaf schools under the state board of charities. President Hanson has opened his battery on this. Deaf schools are educational and not charitable institutions.

FAIRNESS NOT TRICKY.

Walter Glover of South Carolina, in a recent article in the Deaf Mutes' Journal, dwelling on the next convention city, says: "Mr. Hanson seems cunningly to wait till congress selects New Orleans or San Francisco for the Panama Exposition. * * * That is a rank injustice to Mr. Hanson. We do not believe he has even thought of the exposition in connection with the next national convention of the deaf. Those who know Mr. Hanson know that cunning trickery is not a part of his nature. Another thing, the executive committee as a whole and not Mr. Hanson will select the place of 1913 meeting. Delay has been due to the fact that there was other business to see to and very many as well as Mr. Hanson are of the opinion that there is no hurry about selecting the next meeting place.

We know that Mr. Hanson desires to be fair to all, and we believe the great majority of the deaf think the same. A man recently wrote to Mr. Hanson as follows: "You know in unity and confidence there is strength, behind it all you have taken for your foundation the granite rock of right and fairness." This man has hitherto taken a neutral position.

To The Industrial Instructors of The Deaf:

I have no doubt but that your superintendents or principals have already conferred with you in reference to exhibits, from your departments, for the convention which is to be held in Delaven, Wis., July 6-13, 1911.

If you want to help the cause of educating and training deaf children for useful and helpful lives, and if you want to dignify the industrial feature of this great work, I hope you will get in line for the best exhibit that has ever been made.

Having general charge of the program, I regard this feature of the convention as of enough importance to address to you a bulletin on the subject and urge your cordial and hearty co-operation.

Please do not let the matter rest until you and the heads of your schools have agreed on the exhibits you will make and then do not let yourselves be satisfied until you have completed and arranged and shipped (to Mr. Warren Robinson, Delaven, Wis.) that exhibit.

More than that; I want to urge upon you to be present, if possible, to display your own exhibits, to take part especially in the discussions of the Industrial Section and to reap the benefits of the great Convention. By saving up a little each month you can make that trip and it will be worth more than a year's salary to you. I

would attend that convention, if I were you, if it took all I had saved up, provided you expect to continue in the work and want to be a success. I do hope that your interest in this matter will result in a great exhibit.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

J. R. DOBYNS, Vice-President.

READ AND PONDER.

Dear President of the N. A. D.:

I have worked hard filling blanks for the fund of the N. A. D. last spring. It was a big job for me and the fund amounted to \$30.00.

The National Association of the Deaf did not thank me for the hard work. Will the N. A. D. pay me for this work? They pay their officers for their work. Will they pay me like one of them?

Yours sincerely,

The above will provoke a smile from those familiar with N. A. D. affairs. But as there may be others who are not familiar with our affairs, it may be well to state that those collecting money for the moving picture fund give their services gratis. Only three who collected over \$250.00 each received a free trip to Colorado Springs last summer.

The N. A. D. does not pay its officers for their work. It only supplies stationery and pays postage for those who carry on a large amount of correspondence.

OLOF HANSON, Pres. N. A. D.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Treasurer Regensburg announces the receipt of a draft for \$174.31 from the Local Committee of Arrangements, George W. Veditz, chairman, as a contribution to the Endowment Fund, the gift representing the amount left on hand from the fund contributed by Colorado's hospitable citizens for the entertainment of the members of the late Colorado Springs convention.

This contribution brings the total amount of the fund up to \$201.32, which is held in trust for the National Association of the Deaf by Mr. Regensburg, treasurer of that fund.

OUR ALMA MATER TOWN.

A letter received from Rochester, N. Y., says that some of the deaf of that city long to see the next national convention held there. As that is the editor's alma mater town he will, of course, not object. Jimmy Freddy Meagher, who is also a Rochester man, says he will write poetry by the bushel, booming the town and throw in several illustrated songs by proxy at the convention.

The rest remains for the deaf of the Flower City to do.

Why not advertise your society in The Observer?

LOCAL ITEMS

The Kansas Star says A. Ross Slightam recently visited the state school there. Mr. Slightam is becoming quite a traveler.

J. G. Schmidt, Jr., is now located in Vancouver, B. C., and working for a packing company. He likes the place, but has not met any deaf yet.

A. W. Wright received a telegram last week announcing the death of his father in Louisiana. The death occurred after only a few hours' illness. Mr. Wright, Sr., visited in Seattle two years ago. He was a fine old gentleman who won respect at sight.

Eddie Spieler struck Seattle this week and left for Portland the next day. He has been working on the Great Northern railroad near the Canadian boundary. The excessive rains and hard work not agreeing with his health and disposition he has left for the south looking for something better.

PROF. CLARK TO REMAIN.

A rumor has been going the rounds that Prof. T. A. Clark was to be removed from the superintendency of the Washington State School for the Deaf. We are glad to report that this rumor grew out of a mere incident and that Prof. Clark will remain.

STAMPLEY-FORD.

Cards have been received in Seattle announcing the marriage of Margaret Leona Stampley and Harvey Lee Ford at Bedias, Texas, January 25, 1911. They will be at home at Waco, Texas, after February 5th.

ANOTHER ORCHARDIST.

We understand that August Koberstein intends to purchase a fruit farm during the coming season. He is undecided as yet whether to locate at Yakima, Wash., or Hood River, Ore. Quite a number of deaf in this state own orchards. Olof Hanson has one at Leavenworth: A. W. Wright at Yakima, J. H. O'Leary and Joe Bixler at Wenatchee, Rudy Stuht at Arcadia, and L. A. Divine at Vancouver. There are probably others.

SOME OF OUR OREGON FRIENDS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Emrich live on their own farm, 17 miles west of Portland. They enjoy farm life and make friends with all their neighbors. They have three sons. The oldest is a soldier in the Philippines, but he completes his four years' service February 17th and will then be home. The next is 20 and assists his parents on the farm, while the younger, a lad of 11 years, is at school. They may possibly turn their farm over to their sons and move to Hillsboro, Ore., where they have another fine home. They would be glad to hear from their friends. Their address is Hillsboro, Washington county, Oregon, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 19.

PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION.

The semi-monthly meeting of the association was held last Saturday evening. No business was transacted. A debate between L. O. Christensen and J. E. Gustin took place. Mr. Gustin stood up for state schools and Mr. Christensen for day schools. Both presented many good ideas.

Seattle is in the throes of a mayoralty campaign and a brief political debate took place participated in by eight or ten individuals. A vote being taken the majority decided in favor of Mr. Dilling, the recall candidate.

At the next meeting officers for the year will be elected. Remember the date, Saturday evening, February 11, at Friendship Hall, Pioneer Building, corner of First Avenue and James Street. All members should be present.

DEAF TEAM WINS.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 29.—The pupils of the Washington State School for the Deaf this afternoon defeated Columbia University at basketball, the score being 28 to 5. The deaf school has an exceptionally strong and fast team this season, and have won every game played this year. Playing as they do with signs, which they are practiced in, they bewildered their opponents and put plays into action that net baskets while the opposing players are wondering what is coming next.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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GOLDEN GATE GLEANINGS.

Mrs. Mollie Brownrigg of Oakland, expects to soon depart for Indiana. She will visit two years or so with relatives, not only in Indiana, but also in other states.

A farewell party was rendered to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ikin, parents of Mrs. Clarence Doane of Los Angeles at Miss Amy Broderick's home, many friends attending. In remembrance of their interest in the deaf, a nice book-rack was presented to them. Mr. Ikin is now in charge of creosota works near Seattle. Though accepting this better position they left Berkeley with many regrets.

W. A. Tilley has returned to Tiburon to resume the work of beautifying his place.

Joseph Beck of Albany may go this month to Los Angeles, where he will meet his father of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams of Piedmont are intending to go to Los Angeles for a two weeks' visit, mostly for Mr. Williams' health.

Mrs. Frank Eastlick (formerly Pearl Wilson) has been troubled for two months past with rheumatism. Otherwise she feels happy and proud of her family of five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahon of Eureka, Humboldt county, own a house and property and are said to be prosperous.

Quite a number of deaf-mutes who were educated at the Berkeley school are living in Humboldt county, such as Mr. and Mrs. Mahon, Thomas Hunt, James Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Santa Cruz, Elma Ericson, and others. They are all employed mostly at lumber mills and yards.

Miss Elma Ericson is overwhelmed with dressmaking and is well known around her home town in this respect.

E. M. Newell, one of Gallaudet's graduates, is a tally clerk at a lumber mill in Eureka, Humboldt county.

Gage Hinman has come back to Sacramento from the Sierra mountains for the winter. He is building chicken houses for his brother-in-law, Oscar Taber, on the farm which the latter has acquired near the State Fair grounds.

Dr. Wilkinson has returned home after several months of absence in the East and was greatly benefited by the change though he lost some weight. The operation which he expected to have made on his eyes was fortunately found not necessary.

Another girl was born to Mrs. Mayhew Norton of Montaloo, Ventura Co.

Henry Frank had an attack of la grippe, but has recovered.

Theodore Grady was taken sick with la grippe and has been unable to teach his class for several days past. He is again on the road to good health.

A few members of the Berkeley Outing Club took a walk of eight miles to

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SPOKA NE SILENT NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Axling gave a party at their home during the holidays to raise a fund for the needy deaf of different states. The living room, dining room and hall were tastefully decorated for the occasion. A neat sum of money was made from the sale of different articles.

A large number of deaf people were invited to a holiday party by Miss Eleanor Morris at her brother's home, 2004 Oneida Place. The evening was spent playing games and prizes awarded. Mr. Axling won first prize and Miss Bergerson the "booby" prize. Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all present.

Miss Elmira Ford found the country as Waverly, Wash. too lonesome and returned to Spokane two weeks before Xmas. Every one was pleased to see her back again. She is again employed at the "Empire Cracker and Candy Co."

Mrs. E. M. Morris of Seattle, mother of Miss Eleanor Morris, spent a week with her during Dec. She was on her way to St. Louis, and where she expects to remain until spring.

Hurrah! Hurrah! Miss Morris has a new niece at her brother's home. The little miss is just twelve days old. Miss Morris is acting as house-keeper and does credit to her position.

Fourteen people were present at the deaf society which met Saturday evening, January 21st in the Blair Business College rooms.

Miss Wooldridge of Missouri, an old schoolmate of Miss Morris, is visiting her brother in Utah. She writes that if she remains until next summer she will join Miss Morris on her way to Seattle to visit the state convention if it should be decided to hold it in that city.

It is reported that Mr. Vinson of Portland, Oregon, is coming to Spokane soon. He will be welcomed by our people.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary and son James, and Miss Morris spent last week Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tonner. They expected to find Miss Ford at home but she and Mr. Krause had gone to visit Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Tonner's mother is visiting her at present. Her home is in Nebraska. She may decide to make her home here.

No church services have been held by the deaf for two months owing to the fact that Mr. Partridge who acted as interpreter has left the city. He is greatly missed as he is a good interpreter and sign reader.

The past month or two we have enjoyed a little winter weather, some snow and the skating at Manito Park has been fine. Why not come over to Seattle and enjoy our glorious bracing winter with us. Don't be jealous.

(We would surely like to try our hands or rather feet with skating again.—Ed.)

We would welcome Mr. Koberstein back to Spokane any time.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary purchased a nice new home on Perry ave. this last fall. Mrs. O'Leary is happy as a lark in her new nest.

John Tonner who has had steady employment for the past three years with the "Inland Empire Traction Shops" has just been made foreman of the shops. He has worked hard and faithfully these three years without a vacation but feels repaid now he has been promoted.

Sunday, Jan. 29th, Miss Morris had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tonner which she enjoyed very much. Mr. and Mrs. Tonner took her home as they wanted some fresh air.

ELEANOR.**TACOMA NEWS.**

The marriage of Adelia Hegemann of Myrtle, Minn., and Ray Foster, of Tacoma, took place December 25, 1910, at the home of the bride's parents. The young couple left immediately for LaCrosse, Wis., where they visited the groom's sister for a few days, after which they left for Tacoma. They are now at home, a cosy little cottage at 617 East 35th street. The bride is a charming young woman and has been cordially received by the local deaf. An informal house warming was given the happy pair on the eve of January 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Wade entertained Mr. and Mrs. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond Sunday, January 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond spent part of the holidays in Olympia, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jensen. They report a splendid time.

Mr. Rowan felt so humiliated by his defeat in the boxing match with Mr. Phillips, January 3, that he offered his services as a dish washer at two different places next day. At one place his services were accepted and he was soon in a rattling good humor. It may take a whole lot to cast him down, but he won't stay down long.

Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Foster attended a quilting bee given by the Ladies' Aid of the McKinley Christian church last Thursday. We think it is a fine thing for our deaf to engage in such work. It shows the hearing people what we are capable of.

The January meeting of the T. L. C. was held January 29th in the Y. M. C. A. The club now has quite a pleasant meeting room. The names of Mrs. Foster and Mr. Miller were handed in as candidates for membership.

Mrs. Hammond, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Foster were appointed a committee to prepare an entertainment for February 25th. It is probable we will have a social dance en masque.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

Orson Fay has been quite sick with the measles. His friends hope for a rapid recovery.

Mrs. Brown of Minneapolis, Minn., is here and expects to stay for good.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Reeves of Vancouver, Wash., spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lines.

Miss Leona Penland recently returned to Ridgefield, Wash., from Salem, Oregon, where she spent a month visiting with relatives.

Grippe has been the style in Portland. Many have been down with it. Among them were Miss Bond, Mr. Redman and Mr. Reichle and family.

Jake Gaberson is preparing to go to Seattle the 6th of this month from where he will leave for Alaska.

Mrs. Geo. Kreidt has secured a position at the Standard Overall factory where Miss Helen Murphy and Ruth Thomas have been employed for some time.

The committee is preparing a big time for Washington's birthday. The place has not been decided yet.

At the next meeting of the P. D. M. Society, February 4th, Mrs. Metcalf will give an interesting lecture. All are urged to come. Mr. Schneider finds it impossible to come as was invited by the society.

Miss Bond's party, given to the members of the society, was a success and was very much enjoyed by all. Those who did not come missed the good time. Table games were played. Sandwiches, cakes, cocoa and candy were served.

After a few weeks' visit in and about Tacoma, Sanford Spratlan returned here and is doing well at the bag factory. He has a lot of friends who were glad to have him back. He is talking of going to Seattle again to spend Washington's birthday. Wonder who is the "somebody" there that attracts him.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

The Nebraska School for the Deaf has again received complimentary recognition from an educational body this time from the Nebraska Conference of Charities and Corrections, which held its thirteenth annual session at Lincoln recently. Superintendent Stewart had before the conference an oral class and also some specimens of work from the sewing department of the school, both of which elicited the most favorable comment.

The class in oral work have had only about three years' instruction at the school, but what they have learned in that time made their demonstration, under their teacher, Miss Lillian Bamford, the star feature of the program. This was evinced by the enthusiastic applause that greeted their recitations.

A few exquisite pieces of needle work sufficed to show what the pupils of the school can do in that line, there being no other exhibits of this kind on hand that could compare with them.

Meagre as this exhibition was in proportion to what the school has to show, it served to disillusion those spectators who previously held very warped notions about the deaf and their work. It revealed the fact that the children attending the school for the deaf or school children just like any others, with the exception of their means of communication, and that the School for the Deaf is a very practical place.

At its closing session the conference honored the superintendent of the Nebraska School, Mr. R. E. Stewart, by electing him its president for the year—a compliment that speaks well of his ability as an educator.

Omaha has for the past few days acted the part of host to about one hundred of her legislators, who came up from Lincoln to investigate ways, means and conditions. Needless to remark, OMAHA wore its prettiest smile—and attire, the weather man and the street cleaning department permitting. The solons also smiled back. Of the visiting body nine or ten senators comprised a committee on state lands and buildings. This committee paid a visit to the Nebraska School and after a round of inspection commented in complimentary terms on the work done there. They expressed themselves as heartily in favor of increasing the facilities and accommodations of the school, the most needed of which are a new "boys' cottage," and an additional strip of farm land. The importance of the acquirement of the land for farming purposes was pressed home by Supt. Stewart, who explained that most of the boys of the school came from farms, and naturally expected to return to them to take up farming as an occupation. It was, therefore, of the utmost importance to have sufficient land to give them practical instruction in farming. The outlook for the Nebraska School for the Deaf was certainly never more favorable!

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

The January meeting of the G. C. A. A. branch of the Middle West was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Long. Nearly all of the members were present, or about five tables full, the game of the evening being that old favorite of the Branch, "Five Hundred." A few of the Omahans failed to make connections with the point of interest, much to their regret.

As a preliminary to the amusement of the evening, President Rothert brought up several matters of business, including the appeal of our National Secretary for contributions to

the Edward Miner Gallaudet fund prior to the birthday of Dr. Gallaudet, the 5th of February. With its usual magnanimous spirit, the Branch voted to "boost" the idea, and may other branches be inspired by the news to do likewise, if they have not already done so.

Another call for coin came from President J. Cooke Howard, and was presented by J. S. Long. It received the respectful attention of all present, from "cattle king" down to common teacher, although no one present volunteered to endow the College G. C. A. A. on the spot.

The final rounds at the "great game" of the season brought to light the following star players: Mr. Waldo H. Rothert and Miss Maudie Roeth, with Mrs. H. G. Long and J. H. McFarlane, "runners up." The two former received handsome recognition of their skill in the shape of a highly ornate scarf pin for the gentleman, and the "dearest" (is our adjective on straight, ladies?) catch pin for the lady. The two seconds received awards befitting their station.

The refreshments, which lent an exquisite flavor to the whole affair, not disregarding the fact that they were served by some of the fairest in the Middle West, were a pleasing deviation from the usual. MAC.

BOULDER, MONT., NEWS.

The 13th to 14th inst. the school had the pleasure of a visit from Charles Chester Codman, formerly of Chicago, Ill., but now of Ronan, Flathead county, Montana, where two years ago he was one of those people successful in the drawing of government land. Mr. Codman was a graduate of the Illinois school for the deaf way back in the seventies, and then attended Gallaudet college for three years. In the chapel he treated the pupils, in clear signs, to a very interesting lecture on Jules Verne's "Eighty Days Around the World," and a beautiful rendition of the "Charge of the Light Brigade," by Tennyson, which every one enjoyed to the fullest extent. Mr. Codman is an intelligent, pleasant and agreeable man to meet.

The past two weeks Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Brown had for company Miss Anna May Wood of Helena, Mont. Miss Wood has the distinction of being the first pioneer teacher of the deaf in Montana. She received her education at the Kendall school, Washington, D. C., from which she graduated with high honors. She is well known to a good many college graduates and ex-students.

Last summer E. V. Kemp, the instructor in printing and gymnastics, bought a small cottage located on an acre of land just a few minutes' walk from the school. He is having it renovated and painted during his leisure

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time and before the close of the school session he will have it furnished so that he and his better half can occupy it. They believe in the old saying that "there is no place like home."

Miss Fanny Welcher, an ex-pupil, spent Christmas week at the school renewing acquaintances with the older pupils and officers. For the past three years she has been holding down a \$45 a month position as cook in a hotel at Kendall, Mont.

Our teamster, George Morrison, for the past two weeks, has been all smiles because he was successful in obtaining a homestead claim of 160 acres near Cascade, Mont. He promises to be a rich cattle king in a few years.

GOLDEN GATE GLEANINGS.

Elman, a new town near Richmond, where a branch of the Pulman Co. has been opened for the purpose of building new cars. The San Francisco bay and the great city of San Francisco and most of Alameda county were in full view all the way of their walk over the hills.

A bill has been sent to the legislature in Sacramento asking for \$45,000 for a new manual training building and \$15,000 for equipment in place of that lost by the fire at the institution last Oct.

Gallaudet Assembly No. 14 of the Americans are going to have a banquet on February 25th in honor of the Assembly's anniversary.

Rumor has it that a new branch of the Americans will be established in Oakland. About 75 deaf mutes are said to be living in Alameda county.

We have had a very dry season before January and it was feared it would affect our crops, but to our relief we have recently had a drenching rain. Over twelve inches of rain have fallen this January, while the total rainfall for the last six months of 1910 was less than four inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Golden Wood of San Jose have been building a new home of their own.

Miss Darling of San Jose, Jay Cole of Chico, and J. P. Johnson of Woodland were visitors around the bay towns during the Christmas holidays.